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Anti-Cominform Bulgarian Communists who fled into Yugoslavia were formerly placed temporarily in a camp near Nis. In the spring of 1950 all of them with the exception of students, who were allowed to continue their studies, were sent to heavy labor projects, primarily those connected with the lumber industry. The refugees opposed this order and requested the Yugoslav authorities to allow them to emigrate to the west, particularly to France; the request was denied. Following this denial, the refugees began to desert their work and to hide in the forests. Reportedly, ten such persons are at present in hiding in the forests.

2. Thirty Bulgarian refugees are employed in industries in Kraljevo.

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